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CIA Tried to Have 'True' American Spirit Reported

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WASHINGTON — The flap and flap over the public disclosure of the subsidization of a number of organizations by the Central Intelligence Agency has been thick and fast these past two weeks.

The director of the CIA was scheduled in advance of this recent publicity to make a

periodic report to my Committee. His appearance had nothing to do with the revelation that the CIA, acting through a number of foundations, was contributing funds to certain student, labor and church groups and other organizations with international activities. The Director was to brief the Committee on political conditions around the world as related to our own self interest.

Inevitably, however, Committee members' first questions were about the immediate news of the Central Intelligence Agency's operations.

My concern as expressed to the director was not a criticism of the CIA's purposes and intent but rather whether we had received our money's worth.

In this situation, "money's worth" cannot be measured in yards, inches, pounds or gallons. It must be measured by the intangible accomplishments of the CIA in combating the

ideological advances of communism.

The "cold war" is as real today as it ever was. In fact, by reason of the great scientific advances; by reason of great strides in transportation and communication, our world gets smaller and smaller. As a result, people are closer and closer together. To relax our guard and not be knowledgeable of the Communist conspiracy at home and abroad is to fail in our duty as a nation to meet the threat.

We live in a world in which ugly mobism is only "democratic protest" in the opinion of some. We see today public officials barely saved from physical violence when facing the beatnik and peacenik a world in which every agency of government entrusted with this country's physical security is physically attacked and smeared; in which night is day and truth is falsehood and patriotism has become a sour note.

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On March 12, 1964, this column referred to the great influence of students in foreign countries. The university student in Latin America for instance has always carried prestige different from that in our own country. Presently, however, "campus demonstrations" whose leaders openly wear the symbol of communism are coddled and publicized here at home. Now that there is publicity about the attempt of the CIA to have the true spirit of America reported by patriotic students meeting with other students in foreign countries, a few of our "great thinkers" worry about the "integrity of American education."

Some 1,700 students at Stanford University listened in civilized fashion to the vice president of the United States speak on the Vietnam situation. A mob of 300 outside his car called him a war criminal and shouted that well known slogan "Burn Baby Burn." The decent conduct of the 1,700 was not news.

There is comfort in steps taken, as small as they may be, to prevent total capture of the international student movement by the Communists.